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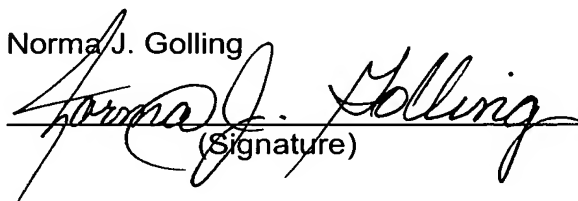
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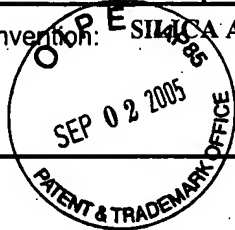
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AMENDMENT

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005, related to the above-mentioned patent application, and request consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to the invention of Group I or Group II. Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-26 and 32-45. Thus, claims 1-26 and 32-45 are pending in this application and claims 27-31 are withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional patent application(s) directed to the unelected invention(s) of Group II.

Applicants submit that the elected claims 1-26 and 32-45 are in condition for allowance and thus, Applicants respectfully request examination of these claims.

Very truly yours,

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